

### ***THE STRETCH CODE***

The Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts Building Code, created by the Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS). It results in cost savings and environmental benefits through improved building energy efficiency. Since its adoption is optional, municipalities in the Commonwealth may adopt the Stretch Energy Code on an individual basis.

The Stretch Energy Code was developed to improve the energy efficiency of its buildings. It is based on a recently published International Energy Conservation Code 2009 (IECC) with a 20 percent increase in building efficiency requirements and the use of third-party testing and rating of building energy performance. It has both commercial and residential components.

Brookline is currently assessing the Stretch Energy Code Appendix for local adoption.

For more information, please visit the [Massachusetts Department of Public Safety web site](#) ,  
and check out these  
[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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Stretch code text: [780 CMR Appendix 120 AA](#)

[BBRS Stretch Code Summary](#)

The Town of Lexington's stretch code site has helpful information: [www.buildabetterfuture.org](http://www.buildabetterfuture.org)

A public hearing will be held on **Monday, March 22, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Hearing Room to discuss the stretch code and answer any questions.